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Appendix A:
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Implementation of RtI: Self-Assessment Tool

This self-assessment tool is intended to assist schools/districts wanting to determine “next steps” toward implementation of a multi-tiered **Response to Intervention** approach for meeting the learning needs of ALL students. The tool addresses 5 broad indicators along with specific indicators/sub-topics for each.

The tool could be completed by each staff member in order to formulate a school profile and/or be used to stimulate group conversations. To determine “next steps,” it is important not only to gauge the current implementation status of each item, but to also determine its relative priority. A basic planning format has been provided at the end of the checklist on which specific actions around the top priority items can be documented.

Some basic underpinnings of this systemic approach:

- It relies on the premise that all students receive research-based and standards-driven instruction in general education.
- The learning of all students is assessed early and often (ongoing progress monitoring). Assessment is focused on direct measurements of achievement and behavior.
- If there are concerns about student progress, increasingly intense tiers of intervention are available to groups or individuals.
- Individual student data gathered through the process may be used to determine appropriateness of a special education referral (e.g., in the case of students who do not respond adequately to intervention or who require ongoing intensive intervention in order to sustain growth) and as part of a comprehensive evaluation for determination of eligibility.

Response to Intervention is...

Response to Intervention is an approach that promotes a well-integrated system connecting general, compensatory, gifted, and special education in providing high quality, standards-based instruction/intervention that is matched to students’ academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs. A continuum of intervention tiers with increasing levels of intensity and duration is central to RtI. Collaborative educational decisions are based on data derived from frequent monitoring of student performance and rate of learning.

The overarching purpose of RtI implementation is to improve educational outcomes for all students,

Intensive Level

Interventions provided to students with intensive needs based on comprehensive evaluation.

1-5%

Targeted Level

Interventions provided to students identified as at-risk or who require specific supports to make adequate progress in general education.

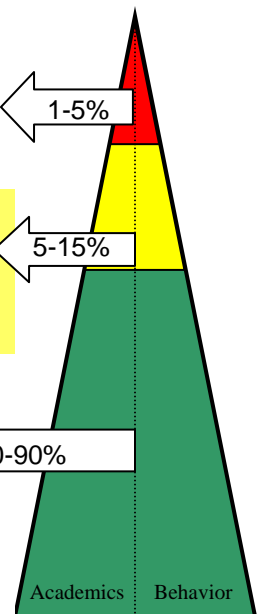
5-15%

Universal Level

Provided to ALL students: research-based, high quality, general education incorporating on-going universal screening, progress monitoring, and prescriptive assessment to design instruction.

80-90%

Tiers of Instruction & Intervention



Priority Rating:

Level of Implementation:

Low	Medium	High	Indicators of Rtl Implementation:	(1) Do not do this in our school	(2) Starting to move in this direction	(3) Making good progress here	(4) This condition well established
			I. EFFECTIVE STUDENT INTERVENTION/PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM IN PLACE				
			Use of problem-solving and data driven decision making processes at the school, classroom and individual student levels				
			Function as a problem-solving team to address the needs of groups or individuals				
			Shared responsibility among general educators and specific program area specialists (e.g. special education, ELA, G/T, Title)				
			Focus on student outcomes vs. eligibility (team's main purpose is not special education referral)				
			Use of universal screening and prescriptive assessment for instruction				
			Use of progress monitoring techniques				
			Coaching and peer collaboration				
			Collaboration between educators and parents				

			II. HIGH QUALITY, STANDARDS-BASED CURRICULUM AND RESEARCH-BASED INSTRUCTION (80% SUCCESS RATE) IN GENERAL EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF:				
			Reading: Addresses 5 components (phonemic awareness; decoding/phonics/word recognition; fluency; vocabulary; comprehension) in an explicit, systematic, intensive manner with fidelity and sufficient duration				
			Writing/Spelling				
			Math: Addresses 4 essential domains (problem-solving; arithmetic skill/fluency; conceptual knowledge/number sense; reasoning ability)				
			Behavior				
			Other:				
			Other:				
			Other:				
			Other:				

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			III. PRESCRIPTIVE/ONGOING ASSESSMENT PRACTICES IN PLACE				
			Universal screening system to assess strengths and challenges of all students in academic achievement, talents and behavior				
			Structured data conversations occurring to inform instructional decisions				
			Direct measurements of achievement and behavior (learning benchmarks) that have a documented/predictable relationship to positive student outcomes				
			Progress monitoring that is systematic, documented and shared				
			Data management system in place (technology support)				
			IV. LEVELS OF INTERVENTION IDENTIFIED AND RESOURCES ALLOCATED				
			A range of research-based instructional interventions for any student at risk of not reaching their potential, including those identified as gifted/talented or those already experiencing academic failure (systematic model in place such as 3 tiered approach, pyramid of interventions etc.)				
			Utilization of both a standard protocol approach to providing interventions to groups of students with similar needs and an individual approach of providing interventions to any student with unique needs				
			Informed as to the frequency, intensity and duration of an intervention that is needed for effectiveness				
			System in place to evaluate research-based interventions as to integrity/fidelity of implementation				
			Flexible groupings according to specific intervention needs				
			Allocation of staff to provide various interventions (flexible uses of staffing across all roles)				
			Availability of instructional programs/materials				

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			V. ONGOING, JOB-EMBEDDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT ADDRESSES RELEVANT AREAS ESSENTIAL TO EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF RtI AND IMPROVED STUDENT OUTCOMES				
			Across all staff/roles				
			Involves families				
			Includes follow-up (e.g. coaching, professional dialogue, peer feedback etc.)				
			<i>Professional development addresses relevant areas such as:</i>	No development in this area	Area minimally addressed	Ongoing focus in this area	Extensive development in this area
			Collaborative decision-making (e.g. professional learning communities)				
			Effective use of data, including that gathered through ongoing progress monitoring, in making instructional decisions				
			Collaborative delivery of instruction/interventions				
			Research-based instructional practices, including supporting materials and tools				
			What constitutes "interventions" versus "accommodations and modifications"				
			Prescriptive and varied assessment techniques				
			Progress monitoring techniques				
			Parent engagement strategies				
			Other:				
			Other:				
			Other:				

ACTION PLAN

Date _____

Indicator or Sub-Topic	Specific Actions	Resources	Timeline	Who Responsible	Evidence of Change

Planning Team: _____